

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 69

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Homer Lee Linder, Jr.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Homer Lee Linder, Jr., of Jamestown; and

WHEREAS, a brilliant coach and inspiring educator, Homer Linder, Jr., touched the lives of countless individuals on the court and on the field, in the classroom as an elementary school teacher, as an English and Geography teacher at York Institute, and as Fentress County Superintendent and Director of Schools; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Linder began his career at York Institute as an assistant coach for the Dragonettes' 1983-1984 Class AA state championship-winning team; and

WHEREAS, his talent for coaching led to his appointment as head coach of the Dragonettes, in which position he served from the 1984-1985 season to the 1995-1996 season; and

WHEREAS, throughout his twelve-season career as head coach, he amassed a 269-112 record and led the girls basketball team to the state semi-finals twice and the state tournament six times; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his love for basketball, Homer Linder, Jr., oversaw the football program at York Institute and helped bring fastpitch softball to the school in the 1980s; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his devotion to the game, he was inducted into the District 7-AA Softball Hall of Fame in 2007; and

WHEREAS, following his illustrious athletic career, Mr. Linder operated as Fentress County Superintendent of Schools, now an appointed position as Director of Schools, in which role he faithfully served from 1996 to 2007; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated family man, Homer Linder, Jr., was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Homer L. Linder, Sr., and Bonnie Stinson Linder, and his sister, Mildred Linder Copley; and

WHEREAS, his memory will be forever cherished by his wife, Tammy French Linder; his daughters, Payton LaShel Smith and Erica Hannahan and her husband, Sloan; his aunt, Helen Linder Hull and her husband, Herbert; his brothers, Jimmie Pierce and his wife, Linda, and Eddie Pierce and his wife, Shelia; his sister, Betty Lou O'Daniels; his half-brother, Jim Linder; several nieces and nephews; and a number of parents, students, teachers, and community leaders of Fentress County; and

WHEREAS, Homer Linder, Jr., leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Homer Lee Linder, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Linder.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.